Pima Community College

Issue Title: Eliminate replacement of instructional equipment

Issue Priority: 1

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would have to eliminate the scheduled replacement of district-wide instructional technology equipment. Such equipment includes computers for classrooms and student labs, classroom projection systems, and online course delivery systems and equipment.

These reductions would result in substandard and antiquated equipment that would jeopardize the quality of the education we provide students and the community. Additionally, equipment would be at high-risk to fail and/or would be unavailable for use. This would decrease access to education for our students, particularly students from less privileged backgrounds who rely more heavily on college provided technology.

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Issue Title: Eliminate replacement of administrative systems equipment

Issue Priority: 2

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would have to eliminate the scheduled replacement and upgrading of district-wide administrative systems equipment. These computers, servers, software, printers, and networking equipment provide the administrative systems required to operate the College. These functions include: registration and enrollment; human resources; financial management; student accounts; student records; financial aid; grants management; facilities management; security systems; etc.

Reductions to these systems would threaten the integrity of the institution. These systems provide the necessary tools to maintain student records, track expenditures, monitor budgets, and ensure compliance with federal and state laws. Up-to-date administrative systems are essential to ensure that the College is accountable for its operations. Allowing them to degrade would create significant risk for legal non-compliance, information security threats, and audit findings.

Pima Community College

Issue Title: Eliminate replacement and improvement of safety and security systems

Issue Priority: 3

Reduction Amounts:

General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would have to eliminate the scheduled replacement and improvement of district-wide safety and security systems. This includes the use of improved building access systems, student communications systems, emergency communications equipment (blue light phones), repair and replacement of safety concerns, such as lighting and sidewalk repair, etc.

Reductions in these areas would result in significant security and safety concerns for our students, employees, and community guests.

Pima Community College

Issue Title: Eliminate high cost occupational programs

Issue Priority: 4

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would have to review the elimination of high cost occupational programs. Many of these programs require high tech equipment and are limited to small instructor/student ratios.

Significantly decreased state funding would necessitate the elimination of high cost occupational programs that are essential for the education of the state's future workforce.

Pima Community College

Issue Title: Further reduce staffing

Issue Priority: 5

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would have to further reduce staff levels. The College has already reduced staffing levels by 7 percent and has reduced administrative positions by more than 14 percent.

Additional staffing cuts would jeopardize the quality of educational services provided the community and would threaten the College's accountability to its constituents. The College has been careful to maintain appropriate staffing levels throughout the budget cuts in order to ensure that mission critical functions remain strong. Additional cuts would mean that critical areas, such as safety and security, financial stewardship, and instructional services, would be reduced and the quality of these essential services would suffer. Similarly, additional staffing reductions will result in reduced access to student advising, financial aid counseling, and registration assistance.

Pima Community College

Issue Title: Increase Tuition

Issue Priority: 6

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would be forced to increase tuition and fee charges. The College has long prioritized steady and moderate tuition increases in order to ensure that higher education is affordable for all students. The three legged funding model of property tax revenue, tuition and fees, and state funding has deteriorated and the burden is being shifted to students. This challenges the community college mission of accessibility.

Pima Community College

Issue Title: Cap enrollment

Issue Priority: 7

Reduction Amounts: General Fund:

Total: \$

Amount: \$

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

With the additional reduction of state funds, Pima Community College would be forced to cap enrollment. Enrollment has increased dramatically over the past several years, while state funding has decreased by 30 percent. While the College has been able to handle the increased demand to this point, marginal tuition revenue is insufficient to cover the increase in costs of continued enrollment increases. Capped enrollment would leave many students with no accessible and affordable educational opportunity and will threaten the economic development of the state.